

5. Men exalt thee upon earth: they
exalt thee for
both kinds of affluence, (cattle and
treasure, which thou
bestowest upon) men:¹ thou who
extricatest (us from
evil) art to be known as our preserver, as
the unfail-
ing father and mother of mankind.

xxIV. 6. AGNI, who is adorable, affectionate,
the offerer
of oblations amongst men, the giver of
delight, the
celebrator of worship, has sat cV»wn (upon
the altar):
let us approach thee, kindled in our
dwellings, on
bended knees, with praise.

7. Intelligent, hoping for happiness,
and devout,
we glorify thee, adorable AGNI : do thou, shining
with
exceeding lustre, lead men to heaven.

8. (We glorify) the lord of men,* of ever-
existing
men; the wise, the destroyer (of foes), the showerer
(of
benefits) on mankind, the moving, the bestower
of
food, the purifier, the resplendent, AGNI, who is
wor-
shipped for (the sake of) riches.

9. The man, Ac NT, who worships thee,
who praises
thee, who offers oblations u- thee with kindled
fuel,
who-presents burnt-offerings to thee with
prostrations,
he verily, protected by thee, obtains all desired
wealth.

10. To thee, mighty AGNI, we offer
exceeding
adoration with prostrations, with fuel,
with oblations:
(we glorify thee) on the altar, son of
strength, with
hymns and with prayers: may we be
successful in our
efforts (to gain) thy auspicious favour.

¹ *Jandndm* may also mean, for the gift of men,
that is, of male
posterity.

² *Viypatim vi*drn san'at'mam*: the epithet is
explained *nitya-*
*ndm ritu*iyajamdnalah:th.andnd?n_t* constant,
characterizing
priests and their employers, inplung, perhaps,
their regular and
perpetual observance of religious institutes.